

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



**FISCAL MEMORANDUM**

**SB 976 – HB 1086**

April 2, 2018

**SUMMARY OF ORIGINAL BILL:** Creates a presumption, for the purposes of awarding grandparent visitation, that a custodial parent, parents, or custodian opposes grandparent visitation if the grandparents have been denied visitation for a period of three months or more.

FISCAL IMPACT OF ORIGINAL BILL:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

**SUMMARY OF AMENDMENT (016363):** Deletes all language after the enacting clause. Authorizes the court to consider whether there is a danger of substantial harm to the child based upon the likelihood of the child losing the ability to learn about the deceased parent by having a relationship with the deceased parent's family, if the child's parent has died within the previous 12 months and the child does not have a significant existing relationship with the grandparent.

**FISCAL IMPACT OF BILL WITH PROPOSED AMENDMENT:**

**Unchanged from the original fiscal note.**

Assumptions for the bill as amended:

- The proposed legislation will have no effect on programs or operations of the Department of Children's Services; any fiscal impact will be not significant.
- Based on information provided by the Administrative Office of the Courts, the proposed legislation will not result in a significant increase in caseloads for the state and local courts. Any increase in expenditures will be absorbed within existing state and local resources.

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**CERTIFICATION:**

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

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Krista M. Lee, Executive Director

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